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SUBJECT: IRAQI REQUEST FOR AGRICULTURAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

1. I TOOK OCCASION OF RECEIPT OF TECHNICAL MATERIALS FROM USDA FOR D.G. OF GRAIN BOARD TO CALL PERSONALLY AND DELIVER THEM TO ACTING D.G. SALAH AL-SHAIKHLI. IN PRESENTING MATERIALS I OFFERED TO BE OF ASSISTANCE ON THIS AND OTHER MATTERS FOR GRAIN BOARD.

2. MR. AL-SHAIKHLI INQUIRED IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO SEND IRAQI TECHNICIANS TO WORK IN USDA LABORATORIES ON ANALYSIS OF ROUGH RICE AND MAIZE. HE HAD IN MIND TWO TECHNICIANS FOR PERIOD OF SEVERAL MONTHS DURING 1975 OR EARLIER. I SAID I WOULD BE PLEASED TO FIND OUT POSSIBILITIES FOR SUCH TRAINING AND THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE PROVIDED ALL EXPENSES AND FEES ARE BORNE BY GRAIN BOARD. THIS SEEMED TO BE ACCEPTABLE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THIS IS EXACTLY KIND OF OPPORTUNITY FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW LINKS WITH IRAQI GOVERNMENT THAT WE ARE TRYING TO PROMOTE. I STRONGLY URGE THEREFORE THAT IF IT IS AT ALL POSSIBLE USDAO OFFER GRAIN BOARD TWO SLOTS IN USDAO LABORATORIES

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ON REIMBURSABLE BASIS AND THAT USINT BE AUTHORIZED TO PRESENT OFFER TO DG OF GRAIN BOARD. LOWRIE

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